GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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CONTRACT RULES FOR NATIONAL HIGHWAYS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the procedure for award of road construction contracts on the National Highways has been reformed;

(b) if so, the details of the changes made in the contract rules;

(c) whether a number of changes are being considered in view of the failure of the contractors to complete the work in time; and

(d) if so, the details of other changes that are being considered for immediate implementation of the National Highways programmes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI, AVSM)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Standard Bidding Document for Civil Works Contracts for National Highways has been framed and circulated to implementing agencies for adoption. The new contract document will ensure uniformity in bidding procedure throughout the country. The document provides inter-alia for detailed qualification requirement for contractors, liquidated damages for delay, bonus for early completion, dispute review mechanism, compensation events, escalation of cost, advances for mobilisation and equipment, performance security, defect liability, etc. It also details the procedure for bid invitation, opening, evaluation and contract award.

(c) Since the new bidding procedure has been made effective from 1st November, 2000, no further changes are contemplated at this stage.

(d) Does not arise.